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SUBJECT: ZAIRE MAGAZINE ACCUSES "SUPERPOWERS" OF BEING AT  
"HEART OF TRAGEDY IN INDOCHINA"

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1. ZAIRE MAGAZINE APRIL 14 EDITION CARRIES HARD-HITTING  
ARTICLE ON INDOCHINA, PARTICULARLY VIETNAM, ACCUSING THE  
"SUPERPOWERS" OF BEING AT "HEART OF TRAGEDY" AND CONTEN-  
DING THAT "THEIR ATTITUDES" HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED "BY A  
TRUE FEELING OF SADISM."

2. WRITER DAYS NEITHER MOSCOW NOR WASHINGTON IS "UPSET"  
THAT VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS DIE ON THEIR TERRITORY AS  
LONG AS THEIR (U.S. AND SOVIET) "PRESTIGE IS SAFEGUARDED."

3. CALLING U.S. AND SOVIET UNION "INSTIGATORS" OF THE  
CONFLICT, WRITER CONTENDS THAT THE TWO POWERS "CONTINUE  
TO FOSTER DIVISION" IN INDOCHINA TO QUENCH THEIR "THIRST  
FOR EXPANSIONISM" AND ARE MOTIVATED BY TWO FACTORS: THE  
FIRST "IDEOLOGICAL"--TO MAINTAIN AT "WHATEVER COST  
THEIR PRESTIGE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD"--AND THE  
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OTHER "ECONOMIC"-- TO MAINTAIN " A MARKET FOR THEIR

ARMS AND THUS ASSURE WORK FOR AN IMPORTANT NUMBER OF U.S.  
AND SOVIET CITIZENS."

4. WRITER CALL PARIS ACCORDS A "BLUFF" AND CONTENDS  
THAT "THIEU AND HIS ALLIES IN WASHINGTON WERE THE FIRST  
TO VIOLATE THE ACCORDS" BY "MAINTAINING U.S. MILITARY  
BASES IN THE SOUTH WITH AN ESTIMATED 13,000 SOLDIERS  
DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS."

5. "FACED WITH THESE FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE ACCORDS...  
THE PRG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE FOUND THEMSELVES OBLIGED  
TO FIGHT, NOT TO IMPOSE THEMSELVES AT THE HEAD OF THE  
COUNTRY, BUT TO FORCE THE AMERICANS AND THIEU TO STRIC-  
TLY APPLY THE ACCORDS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

6. ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT U.S. IS FACED "WITH A CRUEL

ALTERNATIVE": CONVINCING ITS ALLIES TO "MAKE POSSIBLE THE  
FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN  
SOUTH VIETNAM AND THUS ADMIT THE FAILURE OF U.S. INVOL-  
VEMENT" OR "PURELY AND SIMPLY, TO TAKE UP WAR AGAIN, THUS  
EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO THE REPROBATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
OPINION."

7 AS TO "WHICH OF THE CHOICES THE U.S. WILL TAKE  
WITHOUT TOTALLY LOSING FACE, WE WILL KNOW IN SEVERAL  
MONTHS. PERHAPS IN SEVERAL DAYS..."CONCLUDES THE ARTICLE.

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8. COMMENT. ALLEGED AUTHOR OF SIGNED ARTICLE UNKNOWN TO  
POST. IT FOLLOWS RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING F GOZ-PRG  
RELATIONS AND MAKES CHARGES AGAINST U.S. (AND USSR) GENERALLY  
LACKING IN ZAIRIAN ARTICLES ON VIETNAM UP TO PRESENT TIME. MOST  
OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HAZY, CONVOLUTED AND APPARENTLY MOTIVATED BY  
"EDITORIAL OPINION" THAT U.S. IS SOMEHOW IN WRONG. THIS  
ARTICLE MORE SPECIFIC THAN MOST AND POLEMICS AND UNFOUNDED  
CHARGES MORE APPARENT. ALTHOUGH ACCOMPANYING PHOTO SHOWED  
PICTURE OF CHINESE B-40 ROCKETS, NO MENTION MADE OF  
CHINESE ROLE IN CONFLICT, WHICH MAY INDICATE SOURCE OF  
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